



# **LINCOLN CHAFEE**

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## **ELECTRIC BOAT RECEIVES NEW CONTRACT**

***Over \$34 Million in work to be Performed in R.I.***

**WASHINGTON, DC** – U.S. Senator Lincoln Chafee has been notified by the Department of the Navy that Electric Boat Corporation will receive a \$149,982,200 contract for the conversion of the missile deployment system of the USS Michigan. Of the extensive award, 23 percent or \$34,495,906 of the work on the submarine will be performed at Electric Boat's Quonset Point facility.

"For years, the work performed by those at Electric Boat has been an important contribution to both the economy of Rhode Island and the defense of our country," Senator Chafee said. "I am pleased this contract has been awarded to Electric Boat not only for its economic contribution to our state but also to assure that important vessels such as the USS Michigan will remain as technologically advanced as possible," he added.

Initially, the submarine will undergo an Engineered Refueling Overhaul, and then the ballistic-missile submarine will be converted into a multi-mission submarine optimized for conventional tactical strikes and special-operations support. The submarine will be equipped with guided missiles. This funding will not expire at the end of the 2005 fiscal year. Work is expected to be complete by December 2006.

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